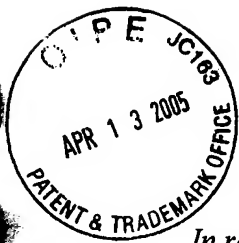


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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 15, 2005

("Notice"), Applicant respectfully re-submits the entire section of Amendments to the Claims.

The notice indicated that claims 16 and 19 should read "currently amended." The status identifiers for claims 16 and 19 have been changed accordingly. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

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